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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

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Enclosed are the following items for filing with the abovereferenced pending U.S. Patent Application, in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements:

- 1. Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371.
- 2. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 3. Recordation Form Cover Sheet with second page of Additional Names of Conveying Parties and Assignment.
- 4. Compact disc with sequence listing in computer readable form. The sequence listing (SQ-AIA-113.ST25) is generated using Patent-In Version 3.3 and is an MS-Windows Text Document. The Disk was made on April 2, 2007.
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- 6. Declaration that the CRF and paper sequence listing contains no new matter other than correction requested by 'Patent Office.

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7. Second Preliminary Amendment

- 8. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and 3 references.
- 9. Check for \$40.00 to cover the Recordation of Assignment (Fee Code: 8021).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2816. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Having now complied with all requirements, Applicants respectfully request that this application be examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Specification filed on 03/31/2006
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- Abstracts filed on 03/31/2006
- Drawings filed on 03/31/2006
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The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing." Applicant must provide a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content

of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d).

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